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UNIT 10



Note carefully the spelling, pronunciation, part(s) of speech, and definition(s) of each of the following words. Then write the word in the blank space(s) in the illustrative sentence(s) following. Finally, study the lists of synonyms and antonyms given at the end of each entry.

1. accord
(ə kôrd')

(*n.*) agreement, harmony; (*v.*) to agree, be in harmony or bring into harmony; to grant, bestow on

The labor union reached an _____ with management before the midnight deadline.

The Nobel Committee _____ the Peace Prize to the Red Cross in 1917, 1944, and 1963.

SYNONYM: (*n.*) mutual understanding

ANTONYMS: (*n.*) disagreement, conflict, friction

2. barter
(bär' tär)

(*n.*) an exchange in trade; (*v.*) to exchange goods

By definition, _____ does not involve the exchange of money in any form.

According to the Bible, Esau _____ away his birthright for a hot meal.

SYNONYMS: (*v.*) trade, swap

ANTONYMS: (*v.*) sell, buy, purchase

3. curt
(kərt)

(*adj.*) short, rudely brief

Tour guides are trained to give complete and polite answers to questions, not _____ responses.

SYNONYMS: rude, brusque, terse, summary

ANTONYMS: civil, courteous, lengthy, detailed

4. devise
(di vīz')

(*v.*) to think out, plan, figure out, invent, create

The advertising agency _____ clever television commercials promoting the new car.

SYNONYMS: concoct, contrive, work out, design

5. dexterous
(dek' strəs)

(*adj.*) skillful in the use of hands or body; clever

The _____ movements of those master chefs we see on TV took years of practice to perfect.

SYNONYMS: agile, handy, deft

ANTONYMS: clumsy, awkward, ungainly

6. engross
(en grōs')

(*v.*) to occupy the complete attention, absorb fully

The exciting new film _____ every member of the audience.

SYNONYMS: immerse, preoccupy

ANTONYMS: bore, stultify, put to sleep



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7. entail

(*v.*, en täl';
n., en' täl)

(*v.*) to put a burden on, impose, require, involve; to restrict ownership of property by limiting inheritance; (*n.*) such a restriction

Reaching your goals will _____ both hard work and sacrifice.

By tradition, an _____ requires that our family home must pass to the eldest child.

SYNONYM: (*v.*) necessitate

ANTONYMS: (*v.*) exclude, rule out, preclude

8. ferret

(fer' ət)

(*n.*) a kind of weasel; (*v.*) to search or hunt out; to torment, badger

_____ were once used to chase rabbits and other pests from their burrows.

No matter how long it takes, we'll keep asking questions until we _____ out the true story.

SYNONYMS: (*v.*) track down, sniff out

9. habituate

(hə bich' ū āt)

(*v.*) to become used to; to cause to become used to

Rookies who quickly _____ themselves to discipline can make important contributions to a team.

SYNONYMS: acclimate, inure, get used to

ANTONYMS: deprogram, brainwash

10. impending

(im pen' dīŋ)

(*adj.*, *part.*) about to happen, hanging over in a menacing way

If you have studied hard, you will have no reason to worry about your _____ final exams.

SYNONYMS: imminent, upcoming

ANTONYMS: distant, remote

11. personable

(pərs' nə bəl)

(*adj.*) pleasing in appearance or personality, attractive

A group of very _____ and enthusiastic teens volunteered to help senior citizens with daily chores.

SYNONYMS: charming, agreeable, likable

ANTONYMS: unpleasant, disagreeable, obnoxious

12. rue

(rü)

(*v.*) to regret, be sorry for; (*n.*) a feeling of regret

It is only natural to _____ mistakes and missed opportunities.

My heart was filled with _____ when I realized how thoughtlessly I had behaved.

SYNONYMS: (*v.*) lament, repent

ANTONYM: (*v.*) cherish

13. scoff

(skäf)

(*v.*) to make fun of; to show contempt for

People once _____ at the notion that the use of personal computers would become widespread.



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- SYNONYMS: ridicule, laugh at, jeer at
ANTONYMS: take seriously, admire, revere
- 14. transition**
(tran zish' ən)
(*n.*) a change from one state or condition to another
Because of a change in leadership, the country is undergoing a period of political _____.
SYNONYMS: changeover, conversion, switch, passage
- 15. trepidation**
(trep ə dā' shən)
(*n.*) fear, fright, trembling
Even veteran actors experience _____ just before they go on stage.
SYNONYMS: dread, anxiety, apprehension
ANTONYMS: confidence, self-assurance, poise
- 16. upbraid**
(əp brād')
- (*v.*) to blame, scold, find fault with
The police officer _____ the driver for blocking the crosswalk.
SYNONYMS: bawl out, reprimand
ANTONYMS: praise, pat on the back
- 17. veritable**
(ver' ə tə bəl)
(*adj.*) actual, true, real
Those dusty old boxes in my grandparents' attic contained a _____ treasure trove of rare books and antiques.
ANTONYMS: false, specious
- 18. vex**
(veks)
(*v.*) to annoy, anger, exasperate; to confuse, baffle
The annual task of filling out federal and state income tax returns _____ many people.
SYNONYMS: irritate, irk, puzzle, distress
ANTONYMS: please, delight, soothe, mollify
- 19. vitality**
(vī tal' ə tē)
(*n.*) strength, energy, liveliness; the capacity to live and develop; the power to endure or survive
To win a marathon, a runner must have patience, speed, and exceptional _____.
SYNONYMS: vigor, stamina
ANTONYMS: lifelessness, torpor, lethargy
- 20. whimsical**
(whim' zə kəl)
(*adj.*) subject to odd ideas, notions, or fancies; playful; unpredictable
Rube Goldberg was famous for _____ drawings of wildly impractical contraptions.
SYNONYMS: odd, peculiar, quaint, fanciful
ANTONYMS: serious, sober, matter-of-fact, realistic



From the words for this unit, choose the one that best completes each of the following sentences. Write the word in the space provided.

1. Although the salesclerk didn't seem to know the stock very well, he was so pleasant and _____ that we were very glad to have him serving us.
2. I don't expect long explanations, but why must his answers to my questions be so _____?
3. Every time I go to the dentist, she _____ me for eating things that are bad for my teeth.
4. Before you make fun of my new automatic back scratcher, remember how people _____ at Edison and the Wright brothers.
5. It is the job of a gossip columnist to _____ out the "secrets of the stars."
6. Although I have read *Peter Pan* many times, the _____ characters and imaginative story never fail to amuse me.
7. The project I am working on _____ me so thoroughly that I forgot to stop for lunch.
8. During the twentieth century, many countries in Africa and Asia made the _____ from colonial status to national independence.
9. Her early years on her family's farm _____ her to long hours and hard manual labor.
10. The _____ fingers of the great violinist were guided by his deep understanding of the music.
11. Before applying for that job, you should know that it _____ the use of a computer.
12. At a well-known theater in Virginia, playgoers could _____ various kinds of food for the price of admission.
13. The purpose of this meeting is to _____ a plan for encouraging recycling in our community.
14. You should try not to allow petty annoyances to _____ you so much.
15. One doesn't have to be a weather specialist to know that a darkening sky is a sign of a(n) _____ storm.
16. When I think of all the things that could go wrong, I view the task ahead with great _____.
17. I assure you that you will _____ the day you challenged us to a jogging contest.

18. Since the artist seems to have known everyone of importance in her time, her diaries read like a(n) _____ *Who's Who* of the period.
19. During those difficult years, the state was in the hands of a do-nothing administration completely lacking in _____ and direction.
20. The firefighters who made that daring rescue from a burning building fully deserve all the honors _____ them.



Choose the word from this unit that is **the same** or **most nearly the same** in meaning as the **boldface** word or expression in the given phrase. Write the word on the line provided.

1. nearly overcome with **dread** _____
2. the **changeover** to daylight saving time _____
3. could not have been more **charming** _____
4. **lament** our long separation _____
5. a **peculiar** sense of humor _____
6. prepared for the **imminent** battle _____
7. the **vigor** with which they compete _____
8. **requires** a thorough knowledge of math _____
9. **tracked down** the information _____
10. persistent barking that **irritated** the neighbors _____
11. never **jeered** at my attempts to sing _____
12. **swapped** housekeeping chores for room and board _____
13. thoroughly **acclimated** to city life _____
14. a **true** friend in need _____
15. **concoct** a convincing alibi _____



Choose the word from this unit that is **most nearly opposite** in meaning to the **boldface** word or expression in the given phrase. Write the word on the line provided.

16. their **clumsy** handling of the problem _____
17. a conversation that **bored** us both _____
18. felt it was unnecessary to **praise** us _____
19. **friction** among the club's members _____
20. never expected such **courteous** treatment _____

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Circle the **boldface** word that more satisfactorily completes each of the following sentences.

1. Our science teacher (**engrossed**, **upbraided**) us when we failed to follow proper safety precautions in the lab.
2. Instead of trying to (**rue**, **devise**) an elaborate excuse, why not tell them frankly just what happened and hope for the best?
3. A long series of minor illnesses sapped his (**vitality**, **transition**), leaving him unable to work.
4. "And fools, who came to (**scoff**, **barter**), remained to pray."
5. Despite my best efforts, I was unable to (**habituate**, **ferret**) out the time and place of the meeting.
6. In spite of my (**vitality**, **trepidation**) about making a speech at the assembly, I actually found it a rather enjoyable experience.
7. Although we all long for world peace, we should not allow ourselves to (**barter**, **entail**) away our liberties to secure it.
8. Presidents need capable assistants who will shield them from minor problems that may (**vex**, **devise**) them.
9. Millions of people, not only in India but in all parts of the world, came to regard Gandhi as a (**veritable**, **dexterous**) saint.
10. The mayor warned of a(n) (**whimsical**, **impending**) crisis unless measures are taken immediately to conserve the city's water supply.
11. During the oil crisis of the 1970s, Americans had to (**habituate**, **vex**) themselves to lower indoor temperatures and decreased use of private transportation.
12. The telegram contained a(n) (**impending**, **curt**) message ordering me to return home as soon as possible.
13. My uncle told me that dropping out of school at an early age was a decision he has always (**rued**, **ferreted**).
14. I wouldn't describe our hostess as just (**personable**, **veritable**); I think she is a truly captivating woman.
15. You may find it hard to become (**engrossed**, **upbraided**) in the study of irregular verbs, but you'll have to master them if you want to learn French.
16. Representatives from many countries are meeting to try to work out some kind of (**accord**, **trepidation**) on reducing air pollution.
17. Good office managers must be (**dexterous**, **curt**) in using their powers to accomplish what they want with the least possible upset to everyone.
18. When we moved from an apartment to a house, we found that being homeowners (**entails**, **scoffs**) more responsibilities than we had imagined.
19. The years of adolescence mark the (**transition**, **accord**) from childhood to adulthood.
20. My cousin is full of (**personable**, **whimsical**) ideas that may not be practical but are a lot of fun to discuss.

Word	Part of speech	Synonyms (same)	Antonyms (opposite)
1. _____	_____	_____ _____	_____ _____
2. _____	_____	_____ _____	_____ _____
3. _____	_____	_____ _____	_____ _____
4. _____	_____	_____ _____	_____ _____
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12. _____	_____	_____ _____	_____ _____
13. _____	_____	_____ _____	_____ _____
14. _____	_____	_____ _____	_____ _____
15. _____	_____	_____ _____	_____ _____
16. _____	_____	_____ _____	_____ _____
17. _____	_____	_____ _____	_____ _____
18. _____	_____	_____ _____	_____ _____
19. _____	_____	_____ _____	_____ _____
20. _____	_____	_____ _____	_____ _____